

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

CYBERGENETICS CORP.,

Plaintiff,

v.

INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
AND RESEARCH and NICHEVISION, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 5:19-cv-001197-SL

Judge Sara Lioi

STIPULATED PATENT PROTECTIVE
ORDER

The parties to this Stipulated Protective Order have agreed to the terms of this Order; it is

ORDERED:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Scope.** All disclosures, affidavits and declarations and exhibits thereto, deposition testimony and exhibits, discovery responses, documents, electronically stored information, tangible objects, information, and other things produced, provided, or disclosed in the course of this action which may be subject to restrictions on disclosure under this Order, and information derived directly therefrom (hereinafter referred to collectively as “documents”), shall be subject to this Order as set forth below. As there is a presumption in favor of open and public judicial proceedings in the federal courts, this Order shall be strictly construed in favor of public disclosure and open proceedings wherever possible. The Order is also subject to the Local Rules of this District and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on matters of procedure and calculation of time periods.

2. **Form and Timing of Designation.** A party may designate documents as confidential and restricted in disclosure under this Order by placing or affixing the words “CONFIDENTIAL,” “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” or “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE” on the document in a manner that will not interfere with the legibility of the document and that will permit complete removal of the designation. Documents shall be designated prior to or at the time of the production or disclosure of the documents. When a tangible object is produced for inspection subject to protection under this Order, a photograph thereof shall be produced at the time of inspection labeled with the designation CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY, or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE. Thereafter any information learned or obtained as a result of the inspection shall be subject to protection under this Order in accordance with the applicable designation. When electronically stored information is produced which cannot itself be marked with the designation CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY, or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE, the physical media on which such electronically stored information is produced shall be marked with the applicable designation. The party receiving such electronically stored information shall then be responsible for labeling any copies that it creates thereof, whether electronic or paper, with the applicable designation. By written stipulation the parties may agree temporarily to designate original documents that are produced for inspection CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY, or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE even though the original documents being produced have not themselves been so labeled. All information learned in the course of such an inspection shall be protected in accordance with the stipulated designation. The copies of documents that are selected for copying during such an inspection shall be marked CONFIDENTIAL,

ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE as required under this Order and thereafter the copies shall be subject to protection under this Order in accordance with their designation. The designation of documents for protection under this Order does not mean that the document has any status or protection by statute or otherwise except to the extent and for the purposes of this Order.

3. **Documents Which May be Designated CONFIDENTIAL.** Any party may designate documents as CONFIDENTIAL upon making a good faith determination that the documents contain information protected from disclosure by statute or that should be protected from disclosure as confidential business or personal information, medical or psychiatric information, trade secrets, personnel records, or such other sensitive commercial information that is not publicly available. Public records and documents that are publicly available may not be designated for protection under this Order.

4. **Documents Which May be Designated ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY.** Any party may designate documents as ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY upon making a good faith determination that the documents contain information protected from disclosure by statute or that should be protected from disclosure as trade secrets or other highly sensitive business or personal information, the disclosure of which is likely to cause significant harm to an individual or to the business or competitive position of the designating party.

5. **Documents Which May be Designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE.** Any party may designate documents as ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE upon making a good faith determination that the documents contain Source Code, as defined below, which is protected from disclosure by statute or that should be protected from disclosure as trade secrets or other highly sensitive business or personal

information, the disclosure of which is likely to cause significant harm to an individual or to the business or competitive position of the designating party.

(a) **Source Code.** Shall refer to any computer source code, scripts, assembly language or machine code, object code, source code listings and directory trees, computer instructions, or data definitions, schematics, and documents that describe in detail the algorithms or structure of the source code or otherwise directly reflect the source code that is provided by the designating party, and shall bear a label of “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE” when printed, or when stored electronically, on the physical media on which such electronically stored information is produced.

6. **Depositions.** Deposition testimony shall be deemed CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY only if designated as such. Such designation shall be specific as to the portions of the transcript or any exhibit designated for protection under this Order. Thereafter, the deposition testimony and exhibits so designated shall be protected, pending objection, under the terms of this Order. By stipulation read into the record the parties may agree temporarily to designate an entire deposition and the exhibits used therein for protection under this Order pending receipt and review of the transcript. In such a circumstance, the parties shall review the transcript within thirty days of the receipt thereof and specifically designate the testimony and exhibits that will be protected under this Order. Thereafter only the specifically designated testimony and exhibits shall be protected under the terms of this Order.

7. **Protection of Confidential Material.**

(a) **Protection of Documents Designated CONFIDENTIAL.** Documents designated CONFIDENTIAL under this Order shall not be used for any purpose whatsoever

other than the prosecution or defense of this action, and of any appeal thereof. The parties and counsel for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of any documents designated CONFIDENTIAL to any third person or entity except as set forth in subparagraphs (1)-(7). Subject to these requirements, the following categories of persons may be allowed to review documents that have been designated CONFIDENTIAL.

- (1) **Outside Counsel of Record.** Outside counsel of record for the parties and employees and agents of counsel who have responsibility for the preparation and trial of the action.
- (2) **Parties.** A party's officers and employees responsible for or otherwise directly involved in management or supervision of this case for the party whose access to the information is reasonably required to supervise, manage, or participate in this case, but only after such persons have completed the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound. Such Acknowledgement shall be retained by counsel for the receiving party.
- (3) **The Court.** The Court and its personnel.
- (4) **Court Reporters and Recorders.** Court reporters and recorders engaged for depositions.
- (5) **Persons Creating or Receiving Documents.** Any person who authored or recorded the designated document, and any person who previously received the designated document.
- (6) **Consultants, Investigators and Experts.** Consultants, investigators, or experts employed by the parties or counsel for the parties to assist in the preparation and

trial of this action or proceeding, but only after such persons have completed the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound, and subject to Paragraph 9 below.

- (7) **Professional Vendors.** Personnel of e-discovery management, graphics, litigation support, and trial/jury consulting firms, including any mock jurors, engaged by a party or its attorneys in connection with this action or proceeding, but only after such persons (or their representative) have completed the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound.
- (8) **Others by Consent.** Other persons only by written consent of the producing party or upon order of the Court and on such conditions as may be agreed or ordered. All such persons shall execute the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound. Objections to disclosure of material designated CONFIDENTIAL to others not listed above shall be handled in the same manner as experts and consultants set forth in Paragraph 9(b).

(b) Protection of Documents Designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY.

Documents designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY under this Order shall not be used for any purpose whatsoever other than the prosecution or defense of this action, and of any appeal thereof. The parties and counsel for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of any documents designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY to any third person or entity except as set forth in subparagraphs (1)-(6). Subject to these requirements, the following categories of persons may be allowed to review documents that have been designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY.

- (1) **Outside Counsel of Record.** Outside counsel of record for the parties and employees and agents of counsel who have responsibility for the preparation and trial of the action.
- (2) **The Court.** The Court and its personnel.
- (3) **Court Reporters and Recorders.** Court reporters and recorders engaged for depositions.
- (4) **Persons Creating or Receiving Documents.** Any person who authored or recorded the designated document, and any person who previously received the designated document.
- (5) **Consultants, Investigators and Experts.** Consultants, investigators, or experts employed by the parties or counsel for the parties to assist in the preparation and trial of this action or proceeding, but only after such persons have completed the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound, and subject to Paragraph 9 below.
- (6) **Professional Vendors.** Personnel of e-discovery management, graphics, litigation support, and trial/jury consulting firms, including any mock jurors, engaged by a party or its attorneys in connection with this action or proceeding, but only after such persons (or their representative) have completed the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound.
- (7) **Others by Consent.** Other persons only by written consent of the producing party or upon order of the Court and on such conditions as may be agreed or ordered. All such persons shall execute the certification contained in Attachment

A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound. Objections to disclosure of material designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY to others not listed above shall be handled in the same manner as experts and consultants set forth in Paragraph 9(b).

(c) Protection of Documents Designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY —

SOURCE CODE. Documents designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE under this Order shall not be used for any purpose whatsoever other than the prosecution or defense of this action, and of any appeal thereof. The parties and counsel for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of any documents designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE to any third person or entity except as set forth in subparagraphs (1)-(6). Subject to these requirements, the following categories of persons may be allowed to review documents that have been designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE.

- (1) **Outside Counsel of Record.** Outside counsel of record for the parties and employees and agents of counsel who have responsibility for the preparation and trial of the action.
- (2) **The Court.** The Court and its personnel.
- (3) **Court Reporters and Recorders.** Court reporters and recorders engaged for depositions.
- (4) **Persons Creating or Receiving Documents.** Any person who authored or recorded the designated document.
- (5) **Consultants, Investigators and Experts.** Consultants, investigators, e-discovery personnel, or experts employed by the parties or counsel for the parties to assist in the preparation and trial of this action or proceeding, but only

after such persons have completed the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound, and subject to Paragraph 9 below.

- (6) **Others by Consent.** Other persons only by written consent of the producing party or upon order of the Court and on such conditions as may be agreed or ordered. All such persons shall execute the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound. Objections to disclosure of material designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE to others not listed above shall be handled in the same manner as experts and consultants set forth in Paragraph 9(b).

(d) **Additional Restrictions on Access to Source Code.** Access to Source Code shall be subject to the following additional restrictions.

- (1) Source Code is to be made available for inspection, rather than produced. Source Code shall be provided on a stand-alone computer, not connected to a network or the Internet, for live, in-person inspection in a secure location at the offices of the counsel of the party producing the Source Code, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. The party producing the Source Code may visually monitor the activities of the party inspecting the Source Code during any Source Code review, but only to ensure that there is no unauthorized recording, copying, or transmission of the Source Code.
- (2) Access to the stand-alone computer shall be permitted, after five (5) business days advance notice to the party producing the Source Code. Such notice shall include: (i) the name(s) of person to perform the inspection; (ii) their present

employers and titles; and (iii) a signed copy of Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound. The stand-alone computer shall be made available during regular business hours local time, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). The Parties may agree to other days and times that are mutually acceptable.

- (3) The stand-alone computer shall be supplied by the party producing the Source Code. The stand-alone computer shall include software utilities that will allow counsel and experts to view, search, and analyze the Source Code, if requested by the inspecting party. The party producing the Source Code may use appropriate commercially available, licensed software tools for viewing and searching Source Code on the stand-alone computer.
- (4) The party inspecting Source Code shall maintain a log of all individuals who have accessed the Source Code and shall make the log available for inspection upon reasonable request of the party producing Source Code. The log shall include the name of the person who accessed the material, a general description of the Source Code that was accessed, and the date that the access was made. The party producing Source Code may require those inspecting the Source Code to sign in and sign out, and to record the local time when doing so.
- (5) Requesting print-outs of Source Code is not to be used as an alternative to inspecting Source Code. Source Code may not be printed or copied without the agreement of the party producing Source Code or further order of the Court, except that the party inspecting Source Code may print portions of Source Code, not to exceed fifty (50) sequential lines, for use during inspection onto colored,

pre-Bates-labeled paper provided by the party producing Source Code, but not to be removed from the location of the Source Code inspection. The party inspecting Source Code will not otherwise copy, remove, or otherwise transfer any Source Code from the stand-alone computer including, without limitation, copying, photographing, removing, or transferring Source Code onto any other computers or storage devices. The inspecting party will not transmit any Source Code in any way from the location of the Source Code inspection. A party may inspect the Source Code as many times or days as reasonably necessary for preparation of its case until the close of expert discovery.

- (6) The inspecting party may request paper copies of limited portions of source code that are reasonably necessary for the preparation of court filings, pleadings, expert reports, or other papers, or for deposition or trial, but shall not request paper copies for the purposes of reviewing the source code. Unless objected to, the party producing Source Code will provide within ten (10) business days the requested paper copies on watermarked or colored paper and include Bates numbers and “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE” labels when printed. The paper copies must be kept in a secured location at the offices of the inspecting party’s counsel except for the designated uses thereof as indicated above. No additional copies of such Source Code may be made.

- (e) **Control of Documents.** Counsel for the parties shall take reasonable and appropriate measures to prevent unauthorized disclosure of documents designated for protection under this Order. Counsel shall maintain the originals of the forms signed by persons

acknowledging their obligations under this Order for a period of 1 year after dismissal of the action, the entry of final judgment and/or the conclusion of any appeals arising therefrom.

(f) **Copies.** All copies of documents designated for protection under this Order, or any individual portion of such a document, shall be marked with the designation CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE if the words do not already appear on the copy. All such copies shall be entitled to the protection of this Order. The term "copies" shall not include indices, electronic databases or lists of documents provided these indices, electronic databases or lists do not contain portions or images of the text of designated documents or otherwise disclose the substance of the designated documents.

(g) **Inadvertent Production.** Inadvertent production of any document or information without a designation of CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE shall be governed by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d), Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B), and any relevant Orders of the Court.

8. Filing of CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE Documents Under Seal. The Court highly discourages the manual filing of any pleadings or other papers under seal. To the extent that a pleading or other paper references an exhibit designated for protection under this Order, then the pleading or other paper shall refer the Court to the particular exhibit filed under seal without disclosing the contents of any confidential information.

(a) Before any exhibit designated for protection under this Order is filed under seal with the Clerk, the filing party shall first consult with the party that originally designated the

document for protection under this Order to determine whether, with the consent of that party, the exhibit or a redacted version of the exhibit may be filed with the Court not under seal.

(b) Where agreement is not possible or adequate, an exhibit designated for protection under this Order shall be filed electronically under seal in accordance with the electronic case filing procedures of this Court.

(c) Where filing electronically under seal is not possible or adequate, before an exhibit designated for protection under this Order is filed with the Clerk, it shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE, which envelope shall also display the case name, docket number, a designation of what the exhibit is, the name of the party in whose behalf it is submitted, and the name of the attorney who has filed the exhibit on the front of the envelope. A copy of any exhibit filed under seal shall also be delivered to the judicial officer's chambers.

(d) To the extent that it is necessary for a party to discuss the contents of any document designated for protection under this Order in a pleading or other paper filed with this Court, then such portion of the pleading or other paper shall be filed under seal. In such circumstances, counsel shall prepare two versions of the pleading or other paper, a public and a sealed version. The public version shall contain a redaction of references to CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE documents. The sealed version shall be a full and complete version of the pleading or other paper and shall be filed with the Clerk under seal as above. A copy of the unredacted pleading or other paper also shall be delivered to the judicial officer's chambers.

9. Disclosure to Experts or Consultants.

(a) Prior to disclosing material designated for protection under this Order to any outside experts or consultants, the party seeking to disclose such information shall provide written notice to the producing party that includes: (i) the name of the person; (ii) the present employer and title of the person; (iii) an up-to-date curriculum vitae; (iv) a list of current and past consulting relationships (if any) undertaken within the last five years; and (v) a signed copy of Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound. This notice requirement is to be interpreted as applying per expert, and not per disclosure.

(b) In the absence of any objection by the producing party within five (5) business days of receiving the written notice, the party seeking to disclose such information may do so in accordance with all other provisions, restrictions, and limitations under this Order. If objection is raised, the party who produced material designated for protection under this Order may object in writing to its disclosure to the proposed expert or consultant for good cause. In the absence of any objection at the end of the five day period, the expert or consultant shall be deemed approved under this Order. If an objection is made, the parties shall meet and confer within five (5) business days after the objection and attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute informally. If the dispute is not resolved, the party objecting to the disclosure will have five (5) business days from the date of the meet and confer to seek relief from the Court. If relief is not sought from the Court within that time, the objection shall be deemed withdrawn. Material designated for protection under this Order shall not be disclosed to the expert or consultant until any objection to the expert is resolved by the parties or the Court.

10. Challenges by a Party to a Designation for Protection Under this Order.

Any CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY —

SOURCE CODE designation is subject to challenge by any party or non-party with standing to object (hereafter "party"). Before filing any motions or objections to a designation for protection under this Order with the Court, the objecting party shall have an obligation to meet and confer in a good faith effort to resolve the objection by agreement. If agreement is reached confirming or waiving the CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE designation as to any documents subject to the objection, the designating party shall serve on all parties a notice specifying the documents and the nature of the agreement.

11. **Action by the Court.** Applications to the Court for an order relating to any documents designated for protection under this Order shall be by motion under Local Rule 7.1 and any other procedures set forth in the presiding judge's standing orders or other relevant orders. Nothing in this Order or any action or agreement of a party under this Order limits the Court's power to make any orders that may be appropriate with respect to the use and disclosure of any documents produced or used in discovery or at trial.

12. **Use of Confidential Documents or Information at Trial.** Absent order of the Court, all trials are open to the public and there will be no restrictions on the use at trial of any document designated for protection under this Order. If a party intends to present at trial documents designated for protection under this Order, or information derived therefrom, such party shall provide advance notice to the party designating the documents for protection under this Order least five (5) days before the commencement of trial by identifying the documents or information at issue as specifically as possible (*i.e.*, by Bates number, page range, deposition transcript lines, etc.). Upon motion of the party designating the document for

protection under this Order, the Court may thereafter make such orders as are necessary to govern the use of such documents or information at trial.

13. Obligations on Conclusion of Litigation.

- (a) **Order Remains in Effect.** Unless otherwise agreed or ordered, this Order shall remain in force after dismissal or entry of final judgment not subject to further appeal.
- (b) **Return of Documents Designated for Protection Under this Order.** Within thirty days after dismissal or entry of final judgment not subject to further appeal, all documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, including copies as defined in ¶7(f), shall be returned to the producing party unless: (1) the document has been offered into evidence or filed without restriction as to disclosure; (2) the parties agree to destruction in lieu of return; or (3) as to documents bearing the notations, summations, or other mental impressions of the receiving party, that party elects to destroy the documents and certifies to the producing party that it has done so. All documents, or portions thereof, designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE shall be returned to the producing party unless: (1) the document has been offered into evidence or filed without restriction as to disclosure; (2) the parties agree to destruction in lieu of return. Notwithstanding the above requirements to return or destroy documents, counsel may retain copies of all pleadings, motions, orders, written discovery, and other papers filed with the Court or exchanged by the parties even though they may contain documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY. Counsel may also retain attorney work product, including an index which refers or relates to documents designated for protection under this Order, so long as that work product does not duplicate verbatim portions of the text or images of documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY. This work product shall continue to be subject to the protections of this Order in

accordance with the applicable designation. An attorney may use his or her work product in a subsequent litigation provided that its use does not disclose or use documents designated for protection under this Order.

(c) **Return of Documents Filed under Seal.** After dismissal or entry of final judgment not subject to further appeal, the Clerk may elect to return to counsel for the parties or, after notice, destroy documents filed or offered at trial under seal or otherwise restricted by the Court as to disclosure.

14. **Order Subject to Modification.** This Order shall be subject to modification by the Court on its own motion or on motion of a party or any other person with standing concerning the subject matter. Motions to modify this Order shall be served and filed under Local Rule 7.1 and the presiding judge's standing orders or other relevant orders.

15. **No Prior Judicial Determination.** This Order is entered based on the representations and agreements of the parties and for the purpose of facilitating discovery. Nothing herein shall be construed or presented as a judicial determination that any documents designated for protection under this Order are entitled to protection under Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or otherwise until such time as the Court may rule on a specific document or issue.

16. **Persons Bound.** This Order shall take effect when entered and shall be binding upon all counsel and their law firms, the parties, and persons made subject to this Order by its terms.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: _____

HONORABLE SARA LIOI
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

STIPULATED TO BY THE PARTIES:

[Effective Date when filed with the Court]

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ATTACHMENT A

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she has read the Protective Order entered in the above-captioned action and attached hereto, understands the terms thereof, and agrees to be bound by its terms. The undersigned submits to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio in matters relating to the Protective Order and understands that the terms of the Protective Order obligate him/her to use documents designated CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS' EYES, or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY — SOURCE CODE in accordance with the Order solely for the purposes of the above-captioned action, and not to disclose any such documents or information derived directly therefrom to any other person, firm or concern.

The undersigned acknowledges that violation of the Protective Order may result in penalties for contempt of court.

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Employer: _____

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Date: _____ Signature: _____